

# BLACKFORD COUNTY VOTE CENTER PLAN

APRIL 23, 2018

## VOTER STATISTICS AND PRECINCTS

According to the 2010 census, Blackford County has a total population of 12,481 and is divided into 12 precincts. Currently the total number of registered voters in Blackford County is 8,182. The upcoming elections will be May 8, 2018 and November 6, 2018. No voter should feel disenfranchised because of this change. Voting by absentee, mail or travel board is still available. This will expand the voter's capabilities by not limiting them to a certain polling location on election day. This plan will make voting more convenient and hopefully increase our percentages.

Blackford County will have two (2) vote centers for the upcoming 2018 Primary and General election. Vote centers in Blackford County are located at Blackford High School Auxiliary Gym 2392 North SR 3 in Hartford City, Indiana 47348 and Montpelier Civic Center 339 South Main Street Montpelier, Indiana 47359. Absentee voting will begin as required by state statute, approximately four (4) weeks before the election at the Blackford County Courthouse and there will be one (1) satellite office open for the 2018 Primary and General election. The satellite office will be located at Montpelier Civic Center. The satellite office will be open April 28, 2018 and May 5, 2018 from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the 2018 Primary election. The General election satellite office will be open October 27, 2018 and November 3, 2018 with November 6, 2018 being election day. Absentee applications will also be accepted for mail ballots until April 30, 2018 for travel board until noon the day before the election. Should that person miss the deadline for these voting options they will still have the opportunity to vote in person at one of Blackford County's two vote centers. The vote centers will be open on Election Day from 6:00 a.m. thru 6:00 p.m. as required by law. This will give every voter the opportunity to exercise their right to vote.

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The vote center located at Blackford County High School Auxiliary Gym at 2392 North Sr 3 Hartford City, Indiana 47348. There will be six (6) voting machines and nine (9) workers. The second vote center in the county is located at Montpelier Civic Center 339 South Main Street Montpelier, Indiana 47359. There will be four (4) voting machines and seven (7) workers at this center.

The Inspector will serve as a greeter and will verify that the voter has his/her government issued photo ID.

Poll workers assigned as clerks at the vote center will utilize the electronic poll pad and check the voter in on election day. The poll worker will scan or type the voter's name onto the poll pad data. Once verified, the voter will sign the signature line on the poll pad. The poll worker will document any necessary information into the poll pad as required by statute. The voter will be escorted by a poll worker with the proper documents and will proceed to the Infinity voting machine. The poll pad receipt will indicate which ballot and party the voter needs to be assigned, poll worker will proceed to select all information so the voter may cast their vote.

## TECHNOLOGY

The hardware, software and firmware used for poll pad, will be utilizing the Know. Ink Poll Pad. The Poll Pad e-poll book application software runs on the Apple iPad tablet. This system is currently certified by the Indiana State Secretary of State's Office. The operating system holds the highest security certification from NIST-FIPS 140-2. The Poll Pad system interfaces with the Quest Voter Registration System as part of the certified system. The Know. Ink poll pads will be used in the same manner for verifying voter's information since purchased in 2015.

## SECURITY PLAN

The security plan for the voting machines and the poll pads will be secured in a room on the first floor of the courthouse, which is only used by the election office. The keys are kept in a secure area where only the County Clerk and the Election Supervisor from the opposite party have access. The number of voters on machines and the number of voters on poll pads will be periodically checked though out the day.

In the event of a power failure at each or one vote center, the voting machines and poll pads will be switched to battery backup. For obvious reasons, if the safety of voters and or poll workers is ever at risk, the Blackford County Security Plan will go into effect with the instructions from the Blackford County Clerk, Blackford County Election Board, Blackford County EMA, and the Blackford County Sheriff.

Signed: Linda Bennett  
Linda Bennett, Election Board

Signed: Ron Dudelston  
Ron Dudelston, Election Board

Signed: Laura Coons  
Laura Coons  
Blackford County Clerk

BLACKFORD COUNTY ELECTION  
BOARD

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WHERE AS, the Blackford County Election Board so approves the Blackford County amended plan for the implementation of vote centers in Blackford County.

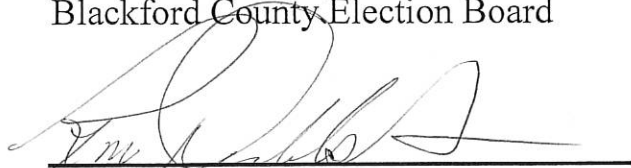
BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE BLACKFORD COUNTY  
ELECTION BOARD:

The Election Board of Blackford County adopts this order to approve the County Vote Center Plan, which is in this order by reference.

ADOPTED THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2018.



Linda Bennett  
Blackford County Election Board



Ron Dudelston  
Blackford County Election Board



Laura Coons  
Blackford County Clerk

BLACKFORD COUNTY ELECTION  
BOARD  
110 WEST WASHINGTON STREET  
HARTFORD CITY, IN 47348

April 26, 2018

There was an Election Board meeting on April 25, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Attending were Election Board members Ron Dudelston, Linda Bennett, and Laura Coons, Blackford County Clerk, and Janet Gilland, Election Supervisor.

Blackford County Vote Center Plan was amended for 2018 Primary and General elections. Legal notices for 2018 Primary Election and Polling Places of Vote Centers were approved. Information will be attached to the minutes for April 25, 2018.

Traveling board was discussed for May 7, 2018 for those at Bridgewater, Miller's Merry Manor, Crown Pointe.

Meeting was adjourned.

Approved by:

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Ron Dudelston

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Linda Bennett

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Laura Coons, Clerk